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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1922-1923

Moderator

L. F. WYMAN

Selectmen

E. H. PEASLEE

W. CHILSON

P. M. ODELL

School Board

M. W. PERRY

PAUL WHITING

GEORGE L. GOODALE

Town Treasurer

F. W. BROWN

Tax Collector

M. W. PERRY

Town Clerk

W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent

J. H. DODGE

Auditors

C. P. DODGE

H. B. BURTT

Supervisors of Check List

H. H. WILKINS

F. W. BROWN

M. W. PERRY

Health Officer

W. W. GOODALE

Fire Wards

W. W. SLOAN

F. O. STEVENS

A. L. MARTIN

Forest Fire Warden

W. W. SLOAN

Trustees of Trust Funds

H. H. WILKINS

W. W. GOODALE

H. W. PERRY

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, N. H., in
the County of Hillsborough, in said state,
qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in
said town on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March
next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon
the following subjects:

1. To see if the town will vote to elect all officers
by ballot and not by a nomination with one ballot cast.
- 2 To see if the town will vote to make all appropri-
ations of more than One Hundred Dollars by ballot.
3. To elect one selectman for three years.
4. To choose all other town officers for the year
ensuing.
5. To bring in your ballots upon the question as to
whether the amendment proposed by the convention to
revise the constitution shall be approved.
6. To see if the town will vote to clean up and build
fence around cemetery on old Town farm and appropri-
ate \$50.00 for the same.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropri-
ate \$250.00 to paint that part of the Congregational
church building that is owned by the town of Amherst.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropri-
ate \$400.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister
Rust.
9. To see if the town will vote to expend \$400 of

the maintenance appropriation for improvement of the South Merrimack road.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

E. H. PEASLEE,
WALLACE CHILSON
P. M. ODELL.

Selectmen of Amherst.

Inventory of Town for 1922

Improved and unimproved lands	\$889,959 00
Horses 238	29,733 00
Asses and mules 3	390 00
Cows, 702	39,632 00
Other neat stock, 78	2,752 00
Sheep	
Hogs, 5	120 00
Fowls, 2632	2,668 00
Portable mills	300 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	23,102 00
Stock in National Banks in this state	2,900 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	12,452 76
Stock in trade	15,400 00
Boats and launches, 1	75 00
Aqueducts	1,050 00
Vehicles	5,475 00
Value of stock in public funds	9,921 81

\$1,035,930 57

Number of Polls	519
Amount of exemptions	\$2,000 00
Amount of taxes	\$33,530 97
Rate	3.00

Appropriations for 1922-23

Town officers	\$1,200 00
Town officers' expenses	300 00
Election and Registration	100 00
Town hall	250 00
Fire department	700 00
Vital statistics	20 00
State aid maintenance	1,500 00
Trunk line maintenance	834 00
State aid construction	1,477 50
Moth extermination	300 00
Town maintenance	3,500 00
Street lights	800 00
General expense of department	300 00
Library	300 00
Town poor	300 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Parks	100 00
Cemeteries	500 00
Town clerk	20 00
Interest on Trust funds	141 00
Interest on Serial notes	240 00
Interest on Baboosic Trunk Line note	50 00
Town debt	1,000 00
State tax	3,000 00
County tax	1,836 41
Police	150 00
Repairs of town hall	300 00
Combination fire truck	3125 00
To remove boulder at Baboosic Lake	150 00
Sidewalk	150 00
Schools, to June 30, 1922	12,346 68
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	\$35,065 59

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ENSUING YEAR

1. Town officers' salaries	\$1200 00
2. Town officers' expenses	400 00
3. Election and registration	50 00
4. Town hall	250 00
5. Fire department	700 00
6. Vital statistics	20 00
7. Moth extermination	250 00
8. State aid maintenance	700 00
9. Trunk line maintenance	300 00
10. Town maintenance	3000 00
11. Bridges	850 00
12. Street lights	900 00
13. General expense of department	300 00
14. Library	300 00
15. Town poor	300 00
16. Memorial day (by request of Relief Corps)	125 00
17. Parks	100 00
18. Cemeteries	500 00
19. Clock	15 00
20. Interest on trust funds	141 00
21. Interest on serial notes	200 00
22. Interest on Baboosic Trunk Line notes	100 00
23. Town debt	1000 00
24. State tax	3000 00
25. County tax	1836 41
26. Schools	10284 00
27. Police	200 00
28. Snow	1000 00
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	\$28,021 41

Report of Town Treasurer

Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1922	\$2425 42
M. W. Perry, collector, 1921 taxes	4401 57
M. W. Perry, collector, 1921 taxes	113 49
M. W. Perry, collector, int. '21 taxes	70 20
M. W. Perry, collector, abatements	
121 taxes	594 09
M. W. Perry, collector, '22 taxes	29181 06
State Treas., railroad tax	738 70
State Treas., savings bank tax	1634 01
State Treas., highway dept.	2229 99
State Treas., burial exp. A. J. Moody	50 00
County Treas., 1921 balance	455 38
County Treas., 1922 rebates	188 83
Souhegan Nat. Bank, notes in anticipa-	
tion of taxes	5000 00
W. M. Perry, note	1000 00
Trustees Trust Funds, Fiske	
highway fund	90 90
B. & M. R. R., help at Currier fire	11 98
Town of Mont Vernon, school	
tax, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921	321 44
Town of Mont Vernon, services of J.	
H. Dodge, monument and cartage, F.	
Hubbard, guide	3 75
Town of New Boston, school tax	176 05
J. H. Dodge, sale dynamite and	
rental of pump	4 39
J. H. Dodge, rebate on Stockley bill	1 30
J. H. Dodge, rebate on Peaslee bill	6 00
P. M. Odell, sale of plank & railing	8 00
Mrs. A. M. Ryan, bowling alley license	15 00
J. W. Atkinson, pool license	20 00

W. W. Sloan, auto permits	1071 12	
W. W. Sloan, rent town hall (1921)	50 00	
W. W. Sloan, rent town hall (1922)	53 00	
W. W. Sloan, dog taxes (1922)	168 30	
Rubie A. Sargent, Mt. Vernon St. sidewalk	39 50	
Willis F. Fisher, Mt. Ver. st. sidewalk	36 00	
Ed. G. Hodgman, Mt. V st. sidewalk	10 50	
Harvey N. Piper, Mt. Ver. St. side'k	38 00	
Helen M. Mead, spray bill (1922)	3 00	
Lucy R. Fletcher, spray bill (1922)	1 00	
Addie L. Morse, spray bill (1922)	3 00	
Eliza J. Stearns, spray bill (1922)	2 50	
Richard D. Ware, spray bill (1922)	5 00	
Benj. F. McNamee, spray bill (1922)	1 00	
Chas. P. Dodge, spray bills ('21-'22)	10 50	
L. F. Wyman, sale cemetery lot	12 00	
B. Moniga, pedler's license	2 00	
P. Lund, pedler's license	5 00	
Amherst School dist. New Boston school tax pd. Am. sch. dist. by mistake	141 31	
	<hr/>	\$50,394 28

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Paid on selectmen's orders	47,774 44	
Cash in treasury, Jan. 31, 1923	2,619 84	
	<hr/>	\$50,394 28

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received	\$50,394 28	
Paid on selectmen's orders	47,774 44	
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Cash in town treasury	\$2,619 84	
Amt. of uncollected taxes	4,349 91	
Due from County treasurer	505 34	
	<hr/>	\$7475 09

Notes Outstanding

Serial Notes (Souhegan bridges) at 4% :

Isabell D. Martin	1000 00	
Mrs. Clara H. Kendall	500 00	
John A. Boutelle	500 00	
Harlan P. Bradford	3000 00	
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		5,000 00
Baboosic road loan at 5%		
John A. Boutelle		1,000 00
Cemetery funds note at 4%		
Trustees of Trust Funds		3535 00
Loan on Milford road		
M. W. Perry		1000 00
Amt. due Amherst school district		5195 25
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		\$15,730 25
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Amt. of town indebtedness Jan. 31, 1923		\$8,255 16

FREDERICK W. BROWN,
Amherst Town Treasurer.

Amherst, N. H., February, 1923.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,
H. B. BURTT,
Auditors.

Report of Selectmen

Town Officers Salaries:

E. H. Peaslee	\$380 00
W. Chilson	372 50
P. M. Odell	372 50
W. W. Sloan, Town Clerk	80 00
F. W. Brown, Treasurer	90 00
M. W. Perry, collector	200 00
M. W. Perry, supervisor	20 00
F. W. Brown, supervisor	20 00
H. H. Wilkins, supervisor	20 00
W. D. Clark Est., auditing	5 00
C. P. Dodge, auditor	5 00
L. F. Wyman, moderator	20 00
C. W. Going, clerk of Trust funds	50 00
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	\$1635 00

Town Officers Expenses:

E. H. Peaslee, assessors meetings	15 00
E. H. Peaslee, use of car	92 00
E. H. Peaslee, supplies for office	3 00
E. H. Peaslee, supplies for office	2 74
P. M. Odell, assessors meeting	15 00
P. M. Odell, use of truck	20 00
Wallace Chilson, tax com. meeting	5 00
A. L. Martin, supplies	2 79
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	27 72
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	18 49
Dues of Assessors' Association	2 00
Annie C. White, copying transfers and deed	4 66
Milford Cabinet, town reports	213 98
Milford Cabinet, supplies	13 50
W. B. Rotch, bonds	27 00

F. W. Brown, postage & stationery	6 50
F. W. Brown, assessors meeting	5 00
Emma L. Clark, copying	27 00
H. B. Burtt, stamps	19 20
Perham Parker, serv'es with assessors	10 00
L. E. Clark	3 00
W. F. French, supplies	1 41
Clark's Garage, auto hire	75

535 74

Election and Registration:

W. W. Goodale, ballot inspection	5 00
Marion Dodge, ballot inspector	8 00
George Bennett, ballot inspector	8 00
Norman Trow, ballot inspector	5 00

26 00

Town Hall:

W. W. Sloan, janitor	50 00
L. W. Martin, supplies	12 01
M. W. Perry, insurance	62 50
Internal Revenue collector	10 00
F. C. Taylor, supplies and labor	10 10
Frank Hartshorn Co., wood	35 00
F. W. Hubbard, sawing wood	3 13
A. W. Converse, painting, etc.	220 10
L. F. Wyman, window shades	35 80
Progress Paint Co.	92 21
Milford Light & Power Co.	53 85
C. F. Roberts, work & material	15 13

599 83

Police Department:

J. H. Atkinson	168 40
John Doyle	7 50
George Parker	6 00
A. W. Raymond	5 00
Clarence Frost	18 00

Arthur Hugron, car service	3 50
L. E. Clark, car service	2 00
Clark's Garage, car service	8 50
C. D. Burpee	10 00
F. C. Taylor, use of scales	60
Geo. Jenkins, use of car	1 50

231 00

Note—\$34.40 due from County

Fire Department:

A. L. Martin, fire wraden	15 00
A. L. Martin, repair Yankee Tub, frgt.	5 56
A. L. Martin, dinner for men	2 82
A. L. Martin, supplies, etc.	115 25
W. W. Sloan, forest fire warden	25 00
W. W. Sloan, chief fire ward	25 00
W. W. Sloan, care of Engine house	60 00
W. W. Sloan, paid M. Bennet labor at Engine house	8 10
W. W. Sloan, Crane's fire	25 54
W. W. Sloan, Buttman's chimney fire	85
W. W. Sloan, Barney Munson fire	4 15
W. W. Sloan, Hoeg fire	4 45
W. W. Sloan, Grader fire	27 00
W. W. Sloan, Davidson fire	2 25
W. W. Sloan, Parker fire	2 29
W. W. Sloan, Trombly fire	70 90
W. W. Sloan, Eaton fire	4 20
W. W. Sloan, Linnehan fire	6 16
W. W. Sloan, Dodge fire	8 40
W. W. Sloan, Hartshorn fire	70 75
W. W. Sloan, Mayo fire	14 35
W. W. Sloan, Ponemah fire	6 98
James H. Atkinson, Trombly fire	11 55
F. O. Stevens, fire ward	15 00
Milford Fire Dept. Stearns and Trombly fires	20 00

J. J. Casey, fire near M. Burke's	13 85
Mark Bennett, shoveling snow	30 80
Allen Howard, shoveling snow	5 78
Ralph Nelson, shoveling snow	7 00
A. B. Hubley, shoveling snow	2 45
Paul S. Anderson, shoveling snow	5 60
John M. Anderson, shoveling snow	5 60
George Howard, shoveling snow	1 76
Algot Monson, shoveling snow	2 80
Edward Towne, carting coal from Mil.	2 00
Horace Hanson, fire near Peabody mill	1 75
Edwin S. Hanson, ditto	1 75
Souhegan Auto Co. Starter, fire truck	82 00
Cornelius Callahan Co., extension for fire truck	20 45
Haseltine & Caldwell, coal	10 31
L. F. Wyman, pay for firemen	200 00
W. M. Farwell, hose	39 23
Howe Fire Apparatus Co	3125 00
F. C. Taylor, coal	10 33
W. D. Clark, supplies for fire truck	59 30
Clark's Garage, auto service	3 00
Milford Light & Power Co.	12 00
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	\$4551 31

Moth Extermination

H. M. Hayward, arsenate of lead	40 50
John Pesterfield, labor and horse	71 00
E. N. Peaslee, spray coupler	1 15
Guy E. Bills, labor	72 00
A. L. Martin, spray material	16 70
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	\$201 35

Bounties

P. M. Odell	\$ 2 40
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Town Clock

W. W. Sloan	\$ 15 00
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Health Department

James Atkinson, services	8 00	
W. W. Goodale, services and supplies	33 57	
Rob't D. Goodale, services & supplies	6 00	
Oscar Burns, services and supplies	5 00	
John Dodge, cleaning dump at lake	6 99	
		<hr/> \$ 59 56

Vital Statistics

W. W. Sloan, return of births and deaths	\$ 10 50
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State Aid Maintenance

George H. Odell, patrol	1368 05	
Jack Driscoll	891 24	
J. H. Dodge	11 50	
Milford Cabinet	2 50	
		<hr/> \$2273 29

Trunk Line Maintenance

W. B. Crooker	\$ 775 50
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Town Maintenance

J. H. Dodge	\$ 3079 13
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Snow

J. H. Dodge	\$ 1563 92
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Bridges

J. H. Dodge	\$ 1042 50
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Baboosic Road

Surveying and advertising	\$ 382 42
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Town Construction

J. H. Dodge	\$ 107 00
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State Aid Construction

Jack Driscoll	\$ 2734 86
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Sidewalk Construction

F. W. Brown, trucking	i 25
F. X. Tardiff, laying walk	380 63
J. H. Dodge, labor	115 63
	<hr/> \$ 497 51

General Expense of Highway Department

A. L. Martin, cement, etc.	\$60 95
J. H. Dodge, labor, freight	33 23
Charles Wheeler, watering trough	3 00
Harry Boutelle, watering trough	3 00
Thomas Harvell, watering trough	3 00
Frank Hartshorn Co., watering trough	3 00
E. H. Peaslee, watering trough	2 00
F. W. Noyes, watering trough	10 00
F. C. Taylor, watering trough	10 00
E. Nichols, watering trough	32 00
Traffic lights	5 00
Lebanon Machine Co.	53 50
Milford Cabinet	2 50
Bergami Co.	35 98
Amherst Aqueduct	35 00
F. W. Brown, auto service	1 00
F. W. Brown, painting signs	7 25
	<hr/> \$ 300 41

Street Lighting

Milford Light & Power Co.	\$ 800 04
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Library

Flora A. Hanson	\$ 300 00
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Town Poor

Conrey sisters	180 00
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J. H. Parkhurst, wood for Conreys	19 00	
Lemuel Fuller, wood for Conreys	7 00	
Hillsborough County Farm, board for		
Hubley children	39 29	
Clark's Garage, trip to Grasmere	15 55	
Oscar Burns, service Mrs. Hubley	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 263 84

County Poor

Oscar Burns, Burgeson	10 00	
Oscar Burns, L. Doucette	117 25	
Oscar Burns, Henry Davis	7 40	
A. L. Martin, goods for Geo. Merrill	96 60	
A.L.Martin, goods for L. Doucette	60 10	
A.L.Martin, goods for Michalaviz	55 82	
A.L.Martin, goods for A.N. Linscott	72 84	
A.L.Martin, goods for Medora Stevens		
and William Webster	30 61	
Ida E. Sprague, board of Medora Ste-		
vens and William Webster	85 64	
Mrs. Edw. Towne, care Mrs. Linscott	42 50	
L. F. Wyman, burial expense of Har-		
riet F. Clough	10 00	
Chas. H. Fields, milk for Michalwiz		
family	13 75	
H. H. Barber, clothing for Michalwiz		
family	7 96	
Ober Clothing Co., hat for Michalwiz		
girl	50	
Lemuel Fuller, wood for L. Doucette	46 50	
Rob't Converse, wood for L. Doucette	18 00	
Lemuel Fuller, wood for A.N.Linscott	6 00	
James Atkinson, care of tramps	8 00	
John Parkhurst, care of tramps	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 690 97

Memorial Day

F. W. Brown	\$ 81 55
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Soldiers' Aid

L.F.Wyman, burial of Andrew Moody	29 00	
Mrs. A. J. Moody	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

Parks

J. H. Dodge, labor	37 50	
J. H. Parkhurst, cutting grass	7 00	
H. A. Nelson, labor	9 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 53 75

Cemeteries

L. F. Wyman, care of hearse,		
opening graves	85 00	
L. F. Wyman, labor	330 05	
Levi Stockwell, posts	4 00	
L. E. Crowther, Cricket Corner cem'y.	12 00	
David Broome, labor on fence	10 50	
Millard Goodale, irons for fence	2 00	
John H. Dodge, labor	10 00	
A. W. Converse, painting fence	43 05	
Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	14 43	
D. L. Daniels, cutting dates on		
Harriet Gould's stone	4 50	
F. C. Taylor, supplies	20 16	
Geo. Goodale, work in Cricket		
Corner cemetery	1 25	
Thomas W. Harvell, mowing in Dis.	9 4 00	
A. L. Martin, supplies	20 63	
	<hr/>	\$ 561 57

Auto Tax Commission

W. W. Sloan	\$ 41 25
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Interest

F. W. Brown, int. on serial notes	240 00
F. W. Brown, int. on tempor'y loans	112 50

Souhegan Nat. Bank, int. on		
temporary loans	26 33	
M. W. Perry, int. on temp'y loans	28 49	
John A. Boutelle, int. on serial note	50 00	
Trustees of Trust funds	141 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 598 72

Abatements

M. W. Perry, abatements for 1921	\$ 594 09
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Temporary Loans

F. W. Brown, Souhegan Nat. Bank	\$ 5000 00
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Serial Notes

H. P. Bradford	500 00	
Mattie D. Martin	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1000 00

State Tax

State Treasurer, state tax	3135 00	
State Treasurer, on acct. Poll tax	1038 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4173 00

County Tax

County Treasurer	\$ 1836 41
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Schools

F. W. Brown	\$ 11105 02
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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,
H. B. BURTT.
Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector

Tax of 1922

Dr.

To amount of tax as assessed	33,523 96	
To amount of extra tax	7 01	
	<hr/>	\$33,530 97

Cr.

By amt. paid Town Treasurer	29,181 06	
Uncollected in hands of Collector	4,349 91	
	<hr/>	\$33,530 97

Collected Taxes of 1921

Dr.

To amount collected		\$113 49
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Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer		\$113 49
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M. W. PERRY, Collector.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR 1921

Dr.

Amount due town Feb. 15, 1922		\$4,995 66
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Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer	4401 57	
Abatements	594 09	
	<hr/>	\$4,995 66

Interest Account

Dr.

To amount collected 1921		\$70 20
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Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer		\$70 20
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M. W. PERRY, Collector.

Received the above account in full for 1921 taxes.

FREDERICK W. BROWN,
Amherst Town Treasurer.

Abatements of 1921

Mrs. Emeline R. Low, over 70	5 00
Mrs. Anna Chickering, over 70	5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Towne, over 70	5 00
Frank J. Fowler, over 70	5 00
Mrs. Faith Roberts, under age	5 00
Mrs. Caroline Jackson, soldiers' widow	5 00
Earl Roberts, U. S. S.	2 00
Arthur Raymond, U. S. S.	2 00
Clarence A. Fiske, U. S. S.	2 00
Luther Fielding, U. S. S.	2 00
Ida Thomas, left town	5 00
Carl Ingerson, left town	5 00
James O'Hanlon, left town	5 00
John Burns, pays in Lowell, Mass.	5 00
Ralph Millbury, pays in Reading, Mass.	5 00
Elmer C. Wheeler, pays in Milford	5 00
Mrs. Ida Wheeler, pays in Milford	5 00
Mrs. Mary S. Fuller, pays in Waltham	5 00
Walter Duncklee, pays in Milford	5 00
Leroy M. Hill, pays in Walliston, Mass.	5 00
Mrs. Ella Hill, pays in Walliston	5 00
Edward J. Burke, pays in Portland	5 00
Edward J. Burke, pays in Portland	3 00
Franklin Barker, pays in Methuen	5 00
G. F. Whitefield, left town	5 00
Annie B. Whitefield, left town	5 00
Joseph Michalarecz, over tax	1 85
Fannie L. Clark, over tax	9 24
Lestina A. Holbrook, over tax	38 19
Congregational Society, over tax	26 18
Mrs. George E. Vinton, over tax	18 48
Edward West, over tax	15 40
Came and Boutelle, over tax	4 77
Mrs. S. Eliza Wilson, over tax	6 16
F. W. Lovejoy, over tax	3 08
Frank H. Stearns, over tax	19 71

Mrs. Alma Jenkins, over tax	10 00	
W. L. Weston Est. over tax	83 16	
Georgiana Howard, over tax	5 00	
Errors in poll taxes	20 00	
Errors in school tax, Dis. 2	61 92	
Dennis Trombly, over tax	10 00	
Edward Haddo, pd. in Everett, Mass.	5 00	
Non Resident Property Sold for Taxes:		
G. W. Stimpson, ties and poles	5 54	
Mrs. Stephen Whitehead, land at lake	1 85	
Cost of advertising	9 00	
Resident Property Sold for Taxes:		
Norman D. Trow, home farm	123 56	
	<hr/>	\$594 09

M. W. PERRY, Collector.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,
H. B. BURTT.
Auditors.

Report of Highway Agent

J. H. DODGE, Road Agent,

In account with Town of Amherst.

Dr.

Received from Town Treasurer

\$3079 13

Cr.

A. B. Hubley	180 49
Arthur J. Hugron	370 01
G. A. Parker	335 84
J. H. Dodge	1108 42
Leonard Stockwell	3 00
F. Berube	339 67
John Parkhurst	26 66
James Peach	1 00
Geo. Boutelle	7 50
W. Gusteine	36 66
Herbert Noble	36 00
J. R. Atkinson	162 34
R. W. Weston	4 80
Sumner Merrill	12 00
John Parkhurst	14 10
Lemuel Fuller	50
Rose Emerson	1 50
Charles P. Wheeler	4 90
L. F. Wyman	4 20
A. L. Martin	34 47
E. H. Peaslee	12 00
Geo. F. Hoeg	4 00
J. H. Dodge	2 04
Levi Stockwell	54 80
Frank Hartshorn Co.	201 42
Hedge and Matthiers	13 00
Chas. D. Hale	8 34
Augustus Peterson	6 25

Henry Gilmore	23 50	
R. N. Hare	1 34	
W. Bennie	3 00	
John Hanson	2 00	
Kendall & Wilkins	32 43	
N. E. Road Machine Co.	13 40	
W. F. French	4 80	
Ames Co.	4 05	
M. F. Goodale	8 70	
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		\$3079 13
	J. H. DODGE.	

SNOW ACCOUNT

J. H. DODGE Road Agent,
In account with Town of Amherst.

Dr.

Amount received of Town Treasurer
on orders of Selectmen \$1,563 92

Cr.

A. W. Ogden	13 60
E. N. Carr	4 40
Andrew Arnold	6 00
Henry S. Gilmore	13 70
F. W. Hubbard, and men,	61 00
William Crooker	37 60
Herbert Noble	48 40
R. W. Weston	73 60
H. M. Hayward	61 80
Geo. L. Goodale	25 00
C. D. Hale	1 80
Charles Fields	7 00
J. E. Allard	7 20
W. L. Young and men	74 20
Arthur S. Jenkins	54 40
Walter Ingerson	7 20

Harry Boutelle	25 60
John H. Parkhurst	19 20
William Louiselle	38 80
Mark Bennett	21 60
M. F. Goodale	4 50
Gust Peterson	21 00
R. N. Hare	76 30
F. W. Noyes, 1922 & 1923	32 80
Horace Hanson	53 07
E. H. Peaslee	54 20
Robert Converse	22 80
John Bloedt	4 20
A. J. Faber	9 60
Frank Berube	80
Arthur J. Hugron	1 20
Byron Caldwell	80
John Pesterfield	8 80
R. G. Sherman	44 00
E. A. Seabury	41 95
Jasper Burnett	25 20
Voscoe Plummer	22 00
John Hanson	22 80
Grace W. McMenimen	14 40
J. H. Dodge, and 4 horses on big plow and sidewalks	180 10
P. M. Odell	63 00
Frank Hartshorn Co.	99 00
George Broome	7 20
E. P. Fowle	45 60
E. A. Caldwell	18 40
A. W. Raymond	1 40
Frank T. Crain	69 10
Frank Jobin	5 20
R. G. Sullivan	6 00
Joseph Gouett	6 40

J. H. DODGE,
Road Agent.

BRIDGES

F. Berubee	62 00
George Parker	53 00
J. R. Atkinson	35 00
A. Hugron	70 17
J. H. Dodge	148 17
R. J. Atkinson	40 00
Berlin Construction Co.	360 75
F. A. Stockley	63 50
A. L. Martin	137 60
M. F. Goodale	5 20
J. H. Dodge, rent of derrick	13 50
A. Peterson	2 25
Robert Converse	10 00
John Blouedt	10 06
F. W. Brown	1 30
	<hr/> \$1042 50

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. DODGE.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,
H. B. BURTT.
Auditors.

Report of Town Clerk

Amherst, N. H., February 1, 1923.

This is to certify that I, as Town Clerk of the Town of Amherst, have issued permits for registration of motor vehicles from Feb. 1, 1922 to Feb. 1, 1923, amounting to

\$1071 12

Less commission

41 25

Amount paid treasurer

\$1029 87

This is to certify that I, as Town Clerk of the Town of Amherst, have issued for the year 1922

Dog licenses to the amount of

\$181 70

Less commission

13 40

Amount paid treasurer

168 30

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,
Town Clerk.

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 8, 1923.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

C. P. DODGE,

H. B. BURTT,

Auditors.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending January 31, 1923

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Amalgamated Cemetery Fund No. 1	Accrued Interest	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$4,225 00	4	\$117 03	\$198 88	\$206 50	\$109 41
Amalgamated Cemetery Fund No. 2	Accrued Interest	Amoskeag Savings Bank	2,300 00	4	240 56	125 32	59 19	330 26
Amalgamated Cemetery Fund No. 3	Accrued Interest	Mechanics Savings Bank	3,535 00	4	153 28	141 40	197 50	306 69
E. D. Boylston Cemetery Fund	Accrued Interest	Note of Town of Amherst	300 00	4	25 32	12 28	10 00	457 43
Joel Parker Cemetery Fund	Accrued Interest	N. H. Savings Bank	1,000 00	4				97 18
Aaron Lawrence School Fund		N. H. Savings Bank	1,542 32	4	\$12 to Cem. 33.90 to Lib.	45 90	45 90	27 60
Fisk Highway Fund		City Guaranty Savings Bank	2,000 00	4		63 54	63 54	7 62
Lucretia Lawrence Fund		Merrimack River Savings Bk.	500 00	4		90 90	90 90	
Spaulding School Fund		5 Shares Northern R. Ry.	1,500 00			36 00	36 00	
Spaulding School Fund		15 Shares Peterboro R. Ry.	2,000 00			60 00	60 00	
Spaulding School Fund		2000 City of Nashua Bonds	2,000 00	4		80 00	80 00	
Spaulding School Fund		2000 City of Laconia Bonds	1,500 00	4		80 00	80 00	
Spaulding School Fund		Amoskeag Savings Bank	3,000 00	4		68 88	68 88	
Mary P. Nutt School Fund		N. H. Savings Bank	5,000 00	4		120 00	120 00	
		N. H. Savings Bank		4		200 00	200 00	

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Dr.

Income on hand Jan. 31, 1922	\$611 30	
Interest collected during year	1323 10	
	<hr/>	\$1934 40

Cr.

Expended during year		\$1318 41
Balance of income on hand		\$615 99
Balance of income on hand	\$615 99	
Accrued interest	795 31	
Total interest unexpended	<hr/>	\$1411 30

Legacy in 1922

Legacy J. T. Benson	\$100 00
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WILLIAM W. GOODALE

HAROLD W. PERRY

HAROLD H. WILKINS

Trustees of Trust Funds

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,

H. B. BURTT.

Auditors.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF
Amherst Town Library

OFFICERS

CHARLES P. DODGE,	President
FLORA A. HANSON,	Secretary and Treasurer
JENNIE HOLBROOK,	Librarian

Trustees

Charles P. Dodge	Term expires March 1923
Bertha Piper	Term expires March 1923
Edward P. Fowle	Term expires March 1924
Flora A. Hanson	Term expires March 1924
William W. Sloan	Term expires March 1925
Emily Ware	Term expires March 1925

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Balance	13 00
Town appropriation	300 00
Fannie Parsons fund	120 00
Fines	10 00
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$443 00

Cr.

Librarian and janitor	100 00
Books	124 66
Fuel	25 00
Magazines	41 00
Care of grounds	40 95
Binding	18 50

Lights	12 00	
Supplies	15 17	
Printing	6 00	
Typewriter	25 00	
China Closet	20 00	
Repairs	1 00	
Balance	13 72	
	<hr/>	\$443 00

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA A. HANSON,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,

H. B. BURTT.

Auditors.

RESOURCES

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	6486
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	68
Number of bound volumes added by gift	47
Federal, state and town documents added	8
Number volumes of magazines added by binding	3
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Total	6612
Deduct number of volumes lost or discarded	1
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Total number of volumes owned at end of year	6611
Number of magazines and newspapers currently received	22

SERVICE

	Adult	Juv.	Total
Number volumes non fiction lent	313	152	465
Number volumes fiction lent	3124	516	3640
Number vols. unbound magazines lent	799	91	890
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Total circulation of current year	4236	759	4995
Number of new borrowers added during year			52
Total number of active borrowers during the year			222

Amherst School District

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board	Term Expires
Melvin W. Perry, Chairman	1924
Paul N. Whiting, Secretary	1923
George L. Goodale	1925
Harold C. Bales, Milford, N. H.	Supt. of Schools
Frederick W. Brown	Treasurer
Harold H. Wilkins	Moderator
W. W. Sloan	Clerk
Miss Marion Dodge (resigned)	Truant Officer
James H. Atkinson	Truant Officer
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician
Miss Adaline Chase, A. B., R. N.	School Nurse

*SCHOOL CALENDAR 1922-1923

September 5, 1922 to December 21, 1922

January 2, 1923 to February 16, 1923

February 26, 1923 to April 13, 1923

April 24, 1923 to June 8, 1923

*Subject to adjustment for time lost by epidemic.

Warrant for School Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Amherst
Qualified to Vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the 13th day of March, 1923, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the year beginning July 1, 1923.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools and for the payment of other obligations as set forth in the budget of the School Board in their annual report.
8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for repairs and alterations of school buildings and for new equipment for schools.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 23rd day of February, 1923.

MELVIN W. PERRY

PAUL N. WHITING

GEORGE L. GOODALE,

School Board.

Report of School Board

Financial Report of Amherst School District for Fiscal Year July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,889 55
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$13,480 77

Balance on hand June 30, 1922	\$1,408 78
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Note: Tuition bill of \$55 due from Mont Vernon School
District for 1921-1922

RECEIPTS

From State:

Equalization (state aid)	\$1,939 23
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From Selectmen, Raised by Taxation:

For the support of elementary schools, \$5
tax per \$1000 of equalized valua-
tion (see note below)

6448 84

For the support of high school

2900 00

New Boston tax (see note below)

141 31

For salaries of district officers

233 00

For Supt.'s salary account

208 33

For other expenses of administration

116 67

For repairs and remodeling—special

500 00

For per capita tax

344 00

Balance due from 1920-1921 acct.

678 00

\$11,570 15

From Sources Other than Taxation:

Dog licenses—from Selectmen	167 00
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High school tuitions	165 00
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Sale of property	206 77
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Income from local trust funds	699 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,238 32
Total receipts from all sources		\$14,747 70
Total cash on hand July 1, 1921		141 85
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GRAND TOTAL		\$14,889 55

Note: The 1922 District meeting voted a deficiency appropriation of \$1248.84 for the fiscal year 1921-1922. This, combined with the appropriation of \$5,200 for the support of elementary schools as voted in March 1921 equalled a \$5 tax on equalized valuation and enabled Amherst to receive the allotted State aid of \$1,939.23 for the year 1921-1922.

The New Boston tax was turned over to the School District by mistake and will be refunded to the Town of Amherst as next year's report will show.

PAYMENTS

July 1, 1921—June 30, 1922

(Classifications and numbering conform to State accounting system)

Administration:

1. Salaries of district officers	\$208 00	
2. Superintendent's salary account	208 33	
3. Truant officer and school census	26 65	
4. Other expenses of administration	120 02	
	<hr/>	\$ 563 00

Instruction:

5. Teachers' salaries	7704 00	
6. Text books	159 33	
7. Scholars' supplies	173 83	
8. Flags and appurtenances	6 60	
9. Other expenses of instruction	38 98	
	<hr/>	8082 74

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

10. Janitor service	504 00	
11. Fuel	522 54	
12. Water, light & janitor's supplies	70 38	
13. Minor repairs and expenses	229 71	
	<hr/>	1326 63

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

14. Medical inspection	125 00	
15. Transportation of pupils	2127 90	
17. Elementary school tuition	359 00	
18. Other special activities	36 00	
	<hr/>	2647 90

Fixed Charges:

19. Insurance	none
20. Other fixed charges	none

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

21. Land and new buildings	none	
22. Alteration of old buildings	none	
23. New equipment		16 50

Debt, Interest and Other Charges:

24. Payment of principal of debt	none	
25. Payment of interest on debt	none	
26. Tax for state-wide supervision		344 00

Special Repairs

Special repairs	<hr/>	500 00
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Total Payments for all Purposes	<hr/>	\$13,480 77
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PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Melvin W. Perry, School Board	\$50 00	
Paul N. Whiting, School Board	50 00	
George L. Goodale, School Board	50 00	
F .W. Brown, Treasurer	50 00	
W. W. Sloan, Clerk	4 00	
Marion L. Dodge, Auditor	2 00	
Rodney H. Prince, Auditor	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 00

2. Superintendent's Salary Account:

A. B. Rotch, Treas., acct. Supt. Harold		
C. Bales		208 33
(This is for ten months, Sept. 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922)		

3. Truant Officer and School Census:

Marion L. Dodge, Truant officer and enumerator	25 00	
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards	1 65	
	<hr/>	26 65

4. Expenses of Administration:

J. L. Hammett Co., transfer case	64	
Harold C. Bales, postage, exp. etc.	11 55	
Edward E. Babb & Co. text book rec.	2 92	
Milford Cabinet, record sheets	4 00	
M. W. Perry, postage	91	
A. B. Rotch, joint treas., acct. clerk	100 00	
	<hr/>	120 02

5. Teachers' Salaries:

Gerald H. Buker, Headmaster	1600 00
Grace M. Carr, Greeley	540 00
Ruth W. Dearth, I-II-III	720 00
Viola I. Jenkins, IV-V-VI	715 20
Mrs. Lilla Brown, substitute	4 80
Madeleine D. Kingsley, High asst.	1000 00
Bertha L. Piper, High asst.	1000 00

Verna E. Slack, Border street	730 80
Mrs. Robert O'Neil, substitute	25 20
Cevie M. Towne, Cricket Corner	720 00
Marion L. Towne, Ponemah	642 24
Mrs. Harold Gault, substitute	5 76

 7704 00

High School, \$2,957.14; Elementary, \$4,746.86

6. Text Books:

Allyn & Bacon	18 90
American Book Co.	17 19
Harold C. Bales	50
Ginn and Co.	5 07
Gregg Publishing Co.	80
D. C. Heath & Co.	16 75
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	1 07
Little, Brown & Co.	13 70
J. B. Lippincott Co.	12 14
Lyons & Carnahan	1 98
The Outlook Co.	3 00
Rand McNally Co.	9 07
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	11 14
Silver Burdett & Co.	45 50
World Book Co.	2 52

 159 33

High, \$91.07; Elementary, \$68.26

7. Scholars' Supplies:

Edward E. Babb & Co.	104 60
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	25 06
J. L. Hammett Co.	3 38
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	13 10
Madeleine D. Kingsley	2 50
A. L. Martin	21 04
Herbert A. Nelson	1 50
Lucy A. Piper	2 65

 173 83

High, \$55.55; Elementary, \$118.28

8. Flags and appurtenances:

Edward E. Babb & Co.	5 10	
W. F. French	1 50	
		6 60

9a. Repair and replacement of apparatus:

Edward E. Babb & Co., pencil sharpener	3 67
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9b. Graduation Exercises and Exhibits:

J. L. Hammet Co., diplomas	4 70	
Madeleine D. Kingsley, music	2 32	
E. M. Stickney, ribbon	1 02	
		8 04

9c. Other Expenses of Instruction:

H. C. Bales	6 70	
J. L. Hammett, requisition blanks	4 22	
Milford Cabinet, cards	8 35	
Thomas Nelson & Son, renewal pages	5 00	
Ryan & Buker, community maps	3 00	
		27 27
High, \$15.48; Elementary, \$23.50		

10. Janitor Service:

Rutherford Blair, Cricket Corner	21 00	
Grace M. Carr, Greeley	36 00	
Howard Crooker, Ponemah	36 00	
Donald Holt, Border St.	36 00	
Herbert A. Nelson, Village	360 00	
Cevie M. Towne, Cricket Corner	15 00	
		504 00
High, \$144.00; Elementary, 360.00		

11. Fuel

Robert Converse	84 00
Richard Crooker	1 00
George R. Fields	18 75
George S. Goodale	2 25
Richard N. Hare	24 00

Haseltine & Caldwell	34 50	
Herbert A. Nelson	5 00	
Harold W. Perry	36 00	
F. C. Taylor	317 04	
	<hr/>	\$522 54
(High \$170 61; Elem. \$351 93)		

12. Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies

Amherst Aqueduct Co.	5 00	
Milford Light & Power Co.	21 65	
A. L. Martin	37 06	
Melvin W. Perry	6 67	
	<hr/>	\$70 38
High \$23 83; Elementary \$46 55		

13. Minor Repairs and Expenses

a. General Repairs

David N. Broome	\$10 30	
A. W. Converse	3 05	
George F. Hoeg	61 10	
A. L. Martin	22 12	
H. A. Nelson	68 10	
Senior class, washing windows	5 25	
William R. White	3 12	
Paul N. Whiting	20 69	
	<hr/>	\$193 73

b. Repair and Replacement of Equipment

Edward E. Babb & Co.	4 43	
Richard N. Hare	1 50	
A. L. Martin	4 00	
F. C. Taylor	25 55	
James E. Webster, clock	50	
	<hr/>	\$35 98
High \$35 57; Elementary \$194 14		

14 Medical Inspection

Oscar Burns, M. D.	\$125 00
High \$12; Elementary \$113	

15. Transportation of Pupils

Roy Aikins	252 00	
W. D. Clark	905 00	
Horace Hanson	108 00	
Henry Hayward	16 10	
Richard N. Hare	93 75	
Frank Palmer	201 80	
Arthur Raymond	551 25	
	<hr/>	\$2127 90
All Elementary		

17. Elementary School Tuition

School District of Milford	137 00	
School District of Merrimack	222 00	
	<hr/>	\$359 00

18. Lawrence Prizes

Harold C. Bales, acc't purchases made	\$36 00
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23. New Plant Equipment

M. F. Goodale, window grate	3 50	
G. W. Moore, labor and supplies	11 75	
M. W. Perry, stove	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$16 50

26.. \$2 Tax for Statewide Supervision

John W. Plummer, state treasurer	\$344 00
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Special Repairs

David N. Broome, labor	77 31	
W. D. Clark, transportation for carpenters	4 00	
A. W. Converse, painting school	50 00	
Geo. L. Goodale, acc't floor Greeley school	122 14	
George F. Hoeg, painting school	50 00	
A. L. Martin, roofing supplies	169 29	
Gustaf Peterson, saddle boards	7 26	

Paul N. Whiting, labor shingling	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
TOTAL		<hr/>
		\$13,480 77

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1922 to JUNE 30, 1923.

From State:

Equalization (state aid)	\$2009 02
From Selectmen on account of taxes:	
\$5 tax per \$1000 of equalized val-	
uation for support of elementary	
schools	6448 84
For support of high school	1930 00
For salaries of school board	150 00
For salary of truant officer	25 00
For salary of treasurer	30 00
For salary of clerks and auditors	8 00
\$2 per capita tax	356 00
For Superintendent's salary account	
and expenses of administration	350 00
For special repairs	300 00
For new heating plant at village	
school	1500 00
	<hr/> \$11,097 84

From Sources Other than Taxation:

Income from local funds	708 42
Dog licenses, 1922 (estimated)	150 00
Tuitions, elementary	52 00
Tuitions, high, 1921-1922	55 00
Cash on hand July 1, 1922	1408 78
	<hr/> \$2374 20
 TOTAL	 <hr/> \$15,481 06

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1923 TO JUNE 30, 1924

(As required by laws of 1919, 106:4)

A. Amounts required for support of schools:

		High	Elem.
Teachers' salaries	\$8375	\$2950	\$5425
Text books	300	75	225
Scholars' supplies	200	50	150
Flags and appurtenances	25	5	20
Other expenses of instruction	50	25	25
Janitor service	575	175	400
Fuel	575	175	400
Water, light & janitors' supplies	100	25	75
Minor repairs and expenses	200	25	175
Medical inspection	200	20	180
Transportation of pupils	600		600
Elementary school tuition	550		550
Other activities, prizes	36	18	18
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$11,786	\$3543	\$8243
Estimated income from local funds which can be applied to high school		825	
		<hr/>	
Amt. to be raised and apro'ped for H.S.		2718	
State aid, estimated			1800
			<hr/>
Amount to be raised and appro- priated for elementary schools			\$6443

(This amount (\$6443) is approximately equal to a \$5 tax on equalized valuation and will enable Amherst to qualify for state aid. The amount of state aid can not be determined until appropriations of the legislature are known.)

B. Amount required for payment of statutory obligations

Salaries of school board	150 00	
Salary of treasurer	30 00	
Salary of truant officer	25 00	
Salary of clerk	4 00	
Salary of auditors	8 00	
Salary of moderator	4 00	
\$2 per capita tax	352 00	
Total	<hr/>	\$573 00

C. Amount required for superintendent's salary and expenses of administration:

For Supt's salary and exp. of administration \$400 00

D. Insurance

Amount required for insurance 150 00

SUMMARY

A. Amount to be raised and appropriated for support of elementary schools	\$6443 00
Amount to be raised and appropriated for High School	2718 00
B. Amount to be raised and appropriated for payment of statutory obligations	573 00
C. Amount to be raised and appropriated for Supt's salary and exp. of administration	400 00
D. Amount to be raised and appropriated for insurance	150 00

Total amount to be raised and appropriated
for fiscal year July 1923, to June 30, '24 \$10,284 00

MELVIN W. PERRY
PAUL N. WHITING,
GEORGE S. GOODALE,

Feb. 16, 1923.

School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Dr.

Balance in treasury July 1, 1921	\$141 85
Bal. of March, 1920, appropriation	678 00
Appropriation of March, 1921	9,502 00
Special appropriation March 1922 to obtain state aid	1,248 84
Auction of tools	206 77
Tuition, Alida Glover ('21 and '22)	110 00
Tuition, E. and S. Averill	55 00
State Board of Education, (equalization)	1,939 23
New Boston school tax, 1921	141 31
Dog tax, 1921	167 00
Income from local funds:	
Nutt fund	200 00
Spalding fund	401 22
Lawrence school fund	62 33
Miss Lawrence fund	36 00
	<hr/> \$14,889 55

Cr.

Paid on orders of school board	\$13,480 77
Cash on hand June 30, 1922	1,408 78
	<hr/> \$14,889 55

FREDERICK W. BROWN

July 1, 1922

Treasurer Amherst School District.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

MARION L. DODGE

RODNEY H. PRINCE

Auditors.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK W. W. SLOAN

School Money for 1922

Repairs	\$300 00
Sup't salary and expenses	350 00
Support of high school	1930 00
Elementary schools	6448 84
Statutory obligations	569 00
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	\$9297 84
For the support of elementary schools for the remander of the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1922	\$1248 84
For installing steam heating plant for school house	\$1500 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of Amherst:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report, the same being the seventeenth in the series of such reports.

Organization of Supervisory Union No. 40

The grouping of school districts of last year has been continued and apportionment of joint expenses determined by the four school boards of the union as follows: Amherst, one fourth; Brookline, one sixth; Milford, one half; Mont Vernon, one twelfth.

Teachers

The following changes in the teaching staff have occurred since last June. In the High School, Mr. Arthur C. Sears of Dalton, Mass., a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, replaced Mr. Buker. Mr. Sears taught last year in Westfield, Mass., and spent the summer of 1922 at Keene Normal School making special preparations for the work in Amherst. Miss Kingsley gave up public school teaching in June. Since her withdrawal Domestic Arts has been discontinued in Amherst. The new assistant is Miss Marion J. Sweatt of Contoocook, a graduate of the three year course at Keene Normal School. Two teachers are hardly enough for the number of classes in the High School and so Mrs. Sears was engaged to teach Latin. She is a graduate of Westfield Normal School and a teacher of several years' experience. It was found that she could teach Drawing and so this subject has been introduced as an extra activity for such pupils as desire it. Miss Piper was transferred to grades 5, 6, 7, 8, in the room taught last year by Miss Jenkins. Miss Jenkins was changed to the lower grades, 1, 2, 3, 4, this room being vacated by Miss Dearth, who withdrew from town.

All of the one room schools have new teachers this year. Miss Frances Berzetts of Nashua, a graduate of Lowell Normal School, teaches at Border street; Miss

Lucie Stiles of Milford, a teacher of many years' experience, at Ponemah; Miss Sylvia Sterling of Rye, a graduate of Keene Normal School, at Cricket Corner; Miss Charlotte Boutelle, a graduate of our own High School, who has attended two summer sessions of the Keene Normal School, at the Greeley school; and Mrs. Nora B. Wilson of New Boston, who spent one year at Plymouth Normal School and has had several years of experience, at No. 8 school. Such a large number of changes is, of course, disadvantageous to pupils. It is to be hoped that teachers who do satisfactory work may continue over a period of years in the same school. It is poor policy to let the matter of salary be the primary factor in the selection of the teacher rather than the training and capability. In general a plan of operation once adopted and continued over a long enough period of years to give it a fair trial is far better than frequent changes which usually result only in minor improvements.

Instruction

Since last year the plan for bringing seventh and eighth grade pupils together at the village has been abandoned in favor of a return of these grades to the rural schools and a reorganization at the village building whereby the previous combination of grades 1-2-3 and 4-5-6 has been changed to become 1-2-3-4 and 5-6-7-8. There are advantages and disadvantages in the present arrangement. The chief disadvantage from the point of view of instruction is to secure competent trained teachers for the rural schools which have all grades enrolled.

In penmanship there is need for more thorough and systematic instruction and practice. Early last fall Mr. Houston, Supervisor Penmanship at New Haven, Connecticut, addressed the teachers of this Union. His system of penmanship which has now been adopted, is not a complicated or difficult scheme but aims to pro-

duce legible writing with a fair degree of speed and with ease of execution. Pupils are very prone to take pains during the writing lesson but neglect proper position and movement at other times. The solution for better penmanship lies in requiring the best effort of each pupil whenever he does any writing. This will come when teachers notice and correct poor form just as much as they would correct gum chewing or undue noise.

Arithmetic teaching has been criticized more or less generally throughout the country for lack of skill and accuracy in the fundamental processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our children do as well as others. What all pupils need is drill. The Courtis practice tests are a device for this purpose which permits each pupil to advance as rapidly as he can and yet enables all pupils to receive daily practice as needed. These tests should be purchased for all schools another year.

Geography has changed so much in a few years that it has been hard to know what to teach. The time has arrived when revised textbooks can be used with maps and up-to-date supplementary geography readers to accompany them.

Correct expression in formal complete sentences is difficult for some children to acquire. The only way to attain this goal is to insist upon more than a mumble or monosyllable from pupils in response to questions. Superintendent and teachers, realizing this, have been working day by day with considerable success to overcome this tendency.

The work in history has been arranged so that American history stories for Grade IV have been followed by stories from ancient history in Grade V; then Grade VI took up a more intensive study of English history as a background to the two year study of American history in Grades VII and VIII.

The work of the sixth grade might be improved if instead of taking English history alone, American beginnings in all European countries which have a bearing upon the early history of our country were considered. It is recommended, therefore, that the work for next year for this grade be changed inasmuch as suitable textbooks are on the market. Our present English history books could well be used in a supplementary way.

It is just as important in any school, particularly in the upper grades, to teach the pupils HOW TO STUDY as to have them learn a mass of facts and figures. The teacher holds the key to this part of instruction and her success in the profession and competency as a teacher depends on her ability to teach this thing—how to study.

A plan has been formulated to provide music instruction in schools by having a supervisor visit each school at regular intervals and lay out work which the teacher can carry on until the next visit. Such a supervisor should be a music teacher rather than a singing teacher, which means that she should be able to teach the children the theory of music and inspire them to practice it in singing. It is better that she should know how to teach them than that she should be a singer herself, if she can not be both. Weather conditions have hindered starting this work, but regular instruction in music should be under way during the remaining weeks of the year.

Drawing is another extra subject which is worth while, provided suitable direction can be given to it. At the present time Mrs. Sears is doing something along this line at the village building. Possibly, another year, this sort of work can be extended.

Books should become friends and companions of all persons, particularly pupils in the schools. They should learn how to use reference books and public

libraries. We have in our schools a large number of supplementary readers of all sorts and our children, especially in the rural schools, take a keen interest in them. In the village, the high school pupils would profit very much if some instruction could be given them at the public library. In later years much enjoyment and profit for leisure hours would be available to those who acquire a love for reading.

Report cards are issued every six weeks and are expected to be signed by parents and returned to the teacher. This signature should mean that the parent has noted carefully the record made by the pupil. In cases where parents do not understand the ratings given or think that their children ought to be doing better, the best way is to see the teacher and superintendent and talk over with them the school life and work of the child. Teachers may not know home conditions and parents may not understand fully the work of the school. A conference can clear up matters wonderfully.

Books and Supplies

Textbooks have returned to a normal price after a period of high prices during the war. Quality of paper and binding has also improved. Accordingly, many new books have been purchased this year to replace and supplement those on hand. The High School books were in much better condition than those in the grades and required but little replacement. On the whole the High School is exceedingly well equipped with books.

In the elementary schools many books had worn out and others had become much out of date, especially geographies. Supplementary material was badly needed also. The appropriation for textbooks as indicated in last year's budget was enough to meet the needs in large measure, and would have been quite enough if the Health Officer had not ordered that the books in the Primary room be burned at the time of the diphtheria epidemic. Replacements of these books—many

of them were new—used up funds completely.

Supplies are more or less a fixed item in any budget, the total expenditure depending on the prices which fluctuate constantly. Costs are now somewhat less than a year or so ago.

High School

The new program of study, as adopted in 1920 to replace the practical arts curricula, continue this year, unchanged. The teaching staff is entirely new as explained in detail above.

The school is being well administered this year and ought to command the earnest support of all citizens whether they have children in school or not. Any public institution that does not have the interest and support of the community becomes a struggling organization that falls far short in the service that it might render to town and state. This is especially true of schools where future leaders are trained. For details of administration and instruction, see the report of Headmaster Sears, which follows.

Enrollment

Attention is called to the tables below which will give a very good idea of what may be expected for the coming year. The arrangement of rooms and seating will be adequate to take care of conditions in September, as the school population is not likely to increase much.

In the High School the enrollment could be more than doubled without any increase of teachers or rooms, and with but slight additional cost for books and supplies. With our present small number the cost per pupil is very high—\$193 for 1921-1922, using average membership. No overhead cost is included in this figure.

Enrollment January 31, 1923

A. Amherst High School

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Special	Total
Girls	1	0	0	5	1	7
Boys	5	4	0	1	0	10
Total	6	4	0	6	1	17
AGE						
13-14	1					1
14-15	2	2			1	5
15-16	2			1		3
16-17				4		4
17-18	1	2		1		4
Total	6	4		6	1	17

B. Elementary Schools

Name of School	GRADES									Tot.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Village	8	7	9	5	5	4	5	12		55
Border St.	5	0	6	4	3	2	6	2		28
Cricket Corner	1	2	0	2	1	1	4	2		13
Greeley	4	1	3	3	0	2	1	0		14
Ponemah	7	0	1	4	1	0	5	0		18
No. 8	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	0		10
Total	28	12	20	20	12	9	21	16		138
Girls	13	3	8	15	6	3	7	8		63
Boys	15	9	12	5	6	6	14	8		75
AGE										
5-6	5									5
6-7	17	2								19
7-8	1	7	7	1						16
8-9	3	1	5	3	1					13
9-10	2	2	5	6	2					17
10-11				5	4	1	1			11
11-12			2	3	2	3	7			17
12-13			1	2	1		3	4		11
13-14					1	3	5	6		15
14-15					1	1	4	5		11
15-16						1	1	1		3
Total	28	12	20	20	12	9	21	16		138

Attendance

The record for last year shows that Amherst maintained an average per cent of attendance (93.75) almost exactly the same as the State average (93.) This is a satisfactory record and is to be commended. In the matter of tardiness the average for all pupils in town was 2.7 with a total number of tardinesses of 381. This figure is higher than it should be. For the High School the average of 1.3 is a great improvement over previous records.

Turning to attendance figures for this current year we find conditions very much worse. Difficulties are confined to a few families however, but the record in some such cases is disgraceful and should not be tolerated. Excuses offered for absence and tardiness can not be accepted in some cases. Parents who disregard this matter should be forced to meet the full requirements of the law which states that "every child between eight and sixteen years of age shall attend the public school to which he is assigned or an approved private school during **all the time** the public schools are in session unless he is more than fourteen years old and has completed the studies prescribed for the elementary schools, or has been excused from attending on the ground that his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance or to make it undesirable. Every person having the custody of a child shall cause the child to attend such a school during all the time the public schools are in session." This makes it plain that it is the interest of the child and not that of the parent or some other person that should be considered. Absence and tardiness seem to have become a habit in some families. The only conclusion to be drawn is that where parents are not concerned about the welfare of their children, others must be, even to the extent of calling in the State Truant Officer to assist the local officials.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR SUPERVISORY SCHOOL UNION MILFORD

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 95.25)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Teacher's Name	E	F
1 High VIII	38	11	6	97.62	Miss Brien	2	L
2 High VIII	38	9	7	97.48	Mrs. Powers	15	C
3 White IV-V	43	6	7	97.10	Miss Merrill	1	L
4 White V	49	5	10	96.97	Mrs. Trumbull	13	C
5 High VII	47	12	8	96.96	Miss Tobie	16	C
6 Laurel I-II-III	23	29	0	96.88	Miss Young	3	L
7 High School	174	203	23	96.81	Mr. Hills	3	L
8 White VI	43	14	7	96.80	Mrs. Dickinson	2½	C
9 Pine Valley I-VI	35	8	2	95.70	Miss Clarkin	1	C
10 White IV	47	16	6	95.63	Mrs. Hagar	3 2-3	C
11 Brick II	40	42	2	95.28	Mss Kieley	12	C
12 High VI & VII	46	44	2	94.71	Miss Mack	3	L
13 North I-VI	17	39	1	94.54	Mrs. Jennison	1	L
14 Brick I	35	43	3	94.24	Miss R. Smith		P
15 Brick 11	38	28	2	94.01	Miss Barker	4	L
16 Brick III	67	66	3	93.82	Miss Sutherland	3	C
17 Brick I	50	56	2	93.43	Miss Pettee	17	C
18 Osgood I-VI	43	11	1	92.68	Miss Lancey	4	L
19 Federal Hill I-VI	10	40	1	89.25	Mrs. Marsh	16	C

BROOKLINE

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 95.02)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Teacher's Name	E	F
1 Intermediate 3-4-5	33	18	3	96.48	Miss Parsons	4	L
2 Grammar 6-7-8	39	22	6	95.55	Miss Hastings	2	L
3 Primary 1-2	30	77	2	93.05	Miss Corliss	2	L

AMHERST

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 93.75)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Teacher's Name	E	F
1 Border St. I-VI	21	93	0	96.23	Miss Slack	1	L
2 Village VII-VIII	30	9	2	95.58	Miss Piper	5	C
3 Ponemah I-VI	12	20	1	94.82	Miss M. Towne	2	L
4 Cricket Corner I-VII	15	57	0	94.75	Miss C. Towne	2	L
5 High School	22	27	0	93.63	Mr. Buker	1	L
					Miss Kingsley	4	L
6 Greeley I-VI	15	58	0	92.97	Miss Carr	1	P
7 Village IV-V-VI	20	56	1	92.25	Miss Jenkins	2	L
8 Village I-II-III	36	61	1	89.77	Miss Dearth	1	L

MONT VERNON

(Average Per Cent of Attendance 91.49)

School & Grades	A	B	C	D	Teacher's Name	E	F
1 Primary I-IV	24	20	0	91.61	Mrs. Perry	2	L
2 Grammar V-VIII	22	33	0	91.37	Mrs. Hadley	1	C
3 East	Closed in April, 1922						

A—Number of pupils enrolled.

D—Per Cent of Attendance.

B—Number of tardinesses.

E—Years of service in district.

C—Number of pupils not absent nor tardy.

F—Credentials: "C" Certificate; "L" License; "P" Permit.

The record for last year shows an aggregate of 199 sessions lost, some of which were for conventions and institutes but holidays and bad weather accounted for a good many. Vacations can be planned to include holidays in many cases and should be so arranged. Another way to increase the actual number of sessions is to make the school year one week longer by keeping later in June. As it is now the year ends early in June when weather is good for school work. The net number of sessions with a 37 week year would approach a real 36 week year which is the minimum permitted.

Buildings and Equipment

During the last year several things have been done to put the school plant in good condition. The major item was the installation of a steam heating plant in the village school to replace the two old hot air furnaces. The old chimney seemed to have a poor draft and an entirely new chimney was built, giving excellent draft. Considerable difficulty has been experienced, however, to keep the building warm, the cause of which at first was insufficient radiating surface, while now shortage of fuel is becoming quite a problem.

Cricket Corner and Border Street buildings have both been painted, one coat. At the Greeley schoolhouse a new floor was laid, an improvement greatly needed. No. 8 school was thoroughly renovated after having been closed for several years. The school is now open and has an enrollment of 10 pupils. Shingles have been purchased for the village school and will be laid when the weather permits. At the village building chemical toilets should be installed. There is ample room in the main building itself for these so that pupils need not leave the building as now. Such toilets are in three rural schools in Milford and are proving to be very successful. Eventually they ought to be in use in every rural school in Amherst.

A common box stove in a one room school is likely

to produce an oven-like condition in one corner and a refrigerator in the opposite corner. A jacket around the stove and a foul air exit or ventilator does away with this condition. Such a jacket and ventilator is now in use at the Ponemah school and is giving satisfaction. Brookline put in two this last fall with very favorable results, especially in ventilation of the room. The idea of a jacketed stove is to lead a current of fresh air into a small compartment—the jacket—around the stove. This is heated and rises to replace the foul air which is drawn from the room through the ventilator. Cricket Corner, Greeley and No. 8 schools ought to have these jacketed stoves at once. Border Street school has a basement and could very conveniently be heated by a small furnace, possibly one of the old furnaces from the village school.

Lighting in the Greeley school is hindered somewhat by the trees which are close to the building. The ratio of light area to floor area is a little better than one to five which is ordinarily adequate. The direction of the light is good, coming as it does wholly from the left and rear of the desks. One solution is to install two more windows in the rear of the room on the south side but this is where the trees interfere most. The only right solution is the removal of the trees and the only way to do this is to enlarge the school grounds.

All of the one-room schoolhouses in use ought to be painted the coming season. Those which had one coat last summer need another and the other buildings one or two coats. It is money saved in the end to keep buildings in good condition, year by year.

For equipment some form of visual aid to instruction would be of great assistance to teachers. A good set of stereoscopic views would fill this need and would be most interesting and instructive to pupils. The lack of electricity in most school buildings makes projection apparatus out of the question.

Transportation

The return of Grades VII and VIII to one room schools as explained above has, of course, decreased the expenditure for transportation so that this year very few pupils are conveyed to schools. Families living in the northwest corner of the town are beyond the two mile limit, but there are not enough children to warrant opening of the Christian Hill school. Children within walking distance of No. 10 schoolhouse are not sufficient in number to open that school and some transportation is involved there. One family whose children attend the Greeley school live more than two miles from the schoolhouse. Other cases entitled to transportation are provided for by attendance in adjoining towns where the school is within walking distance. In such cases tuition has to be paid at the rate of \$1 per week per pupil.

Employment Certificates

Employers of minors in all work except farming and domestic service should know that certificates are required before minors 14-16 years of age may be legally employed either when schools are in session or in vacation periods. These certificates are issued by the Superintendent of Schools as the law directs.

Health and Recreation

For several years past, physical examination of children, as required by law, has been made by Dr. Burns. Notices have been sent to the parents where defects were found, and there the matter ended in most cases, for the notification does not result in remedial measures except as parents desire. The thing needed has long been recognized to be follow-up work whereby parents would be seen and the whole situation discussed with them. This school year it is expected that this very thing will be accomplished. Arrangements have been made with the Red Cross chapter at Milford for

part time services of the nurse, Miss Adaline Chase. She expects to visit the homes and assist in any way possible as soon as traveling conditions make it expedient. Her work will take the place of the spring examination. Parents should feel very free to talk over matters with her and call upon her for the suggestions and assistance which she can give. It is many times true that fathers and mothers desire to have things done but do not know just how to go about it.

Regular physical exercises are being conducted daily in the schools under direction of teachers. The interest in this does not seem to lag. Perhaps one reason is that pupils often are selected as leaders.

For details of examination made by Dr. Burns, see his report which is printed below.

Costs

Attention should be called again to the basis of state aid. This is equalized valuation which, for Amherst, is likely to be slightly less during the next two years if the tentative figures of the Tax Commission are not changed. This means that to be eligible for state aid Amherst must raise for the "support of elementary schools" approximately the same amount as last year, estimated in the budget of the School Board as \$6443. For 1921-1922 in Amherst, a dollar of school money was used as follows: Salaries of district officers, 1.5c; superintendent's excess salary, 1.5c; truant officers and school census, .2c; expense of administration, .9c; teachers' salaries, 57.15c; text books, 1.2c; scholars' supplies, 1.3c; flags and appurtenances, .05c; other expenses of instruction, .3c; janitor service, 3.7c; fuel, 3.9c; water, light and janitors' supplies, .5; minor repairs and expenses, 1.7c; medical inspection, .9c; transportation, 15.8c; elementary school tuition, 2.7c; other special activities, .3c; special repairs, 3.7c; new equipment, .1c; tax for state wide supervision, 2.6c.

For the entire State for 1921-1922, figures are as

follows: Teachers' salaries 53.3c; text books, scholars' supplies and tuition, 6.7c; supervision, .4c; transportation, 5.3c; mothers' aid, medical inspection and special activities, 1.9c; local administration, 1.8c; debt, interest and insurance 5.9c; lands, buildings and equipment, 8.3c; state administration, .9c; janitors' salaries, 4.4c; fuel, water and janitors' supplies, 5.5c; teacher training, .2c.

For the State as a whole the expenditure for transportation has increased more rapidly than any other item and is three times what it was eight years ago. Notice also that the State as a whole pays more for janitors than for superintendents, .4c against 4c.

The money for the state budget is derived as follows: local taxes, 81.1c; state tax, .3c; money borrowed, 4.3c; miscellaneous sources, 3.3c; special taxes, 1.8c; federal government, .2c. There are but few states in the Union where so large a part of the school money is raised locally and locally expended.

A few figures from the biennial report of the State Board of Education might be of interest. For the year ending June, 1922, the average salary paid to teachers in elementary schools was \$915.38 (in Amherst this average was \$684); of 2634 such teachers employed, 1264 were normal graduates. There are 256 different school districts in the state; 704 one-room schools; 71,692 pupils enrolled; total pupils in one-room schools, 12,427; not absent nor tardy during year, 4499; average length of teaching period of teacher, six years. The total expenditure for public education in New Hampshire including elementary, secondary, normal schools, mother's aid, was \$5,360,788.68. In the amount of money raised by state tax for school educational purposes, eight states only raised less than N. H.

Conclusion

Success in educational work and the progress of our public schools and the success of individual pupils

depends directly on how well all concerned stand behind the teachers and other officers. Never has the need for strong public minded leadership and instruction been greater and never has the opportunity for service been larger. We must not fail to turn out sterling American citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD C. BALES.

February 16, 1923.

REPORT OF HEADMASTER

To the Superintendent of Schools of Amherst:

I herewith submit my first annual report as headmaster of Amherst High School.

The school year opened September 5, 1922, with an enrollment of seventeen pupils: nine boys and eight girls. Two boys and one girl have left school since the beginning of the term, and two boys have entered, the registration being sixteen at the present time. One of the boys who left, did so because his parents moved from town. The other boy and girl left because of a lack of interest in school work.

Four girls were graduated in the Class of 1922. Two of these girls, Miss Edna Goodale and Miss Isabelle Grant, attended the Keene Summer Session and are now engaged in teaching. Miss Ruth Atkinson is at home and Miss Alida Glover was married soon after the close of school.

The present senior class has six members, five girls and one boy. Three of the girls have already enrolled for the next entering class at Keene Normal School.

There are two distinct courses of study given in the school, one called the Classical Curriculum and the other the English Curriculum. The subjects included in each of these curricula are given in the following program.

First Year, Classical Curriculum: English I, *Latin I; *Algebra, *History of Civilization.

First Year, English Curriculum: English I, *Book-keeping and Arithmetic, *Algebra, *History of Civilization.

Second Year, Classical Curriculum: *English II, *Latin II, *French I, *Geometry.

Second Year, English Curriculum: *English II, *Commercial Geography and History, *French I, *Geometry.

Third Year, Classical Curriculum: English III, *Latin III, *French II, *Chemistry.

Third Year, English Curriculum: English III, *Modern European History, *French II, *Chemistry.

Fourth Year, Classical Curriculum: *English IV, Latin IV, *U. S. Constitutional History, Economics and Business Practices.

Fourth Year, English Curriculum: *English IV, *French III, *U. S. Constitutional History, Economics and Business Practices.

Courses marked (*) will be offered for the school year beginning September 1923.

The Classical Curriculum is manifestly a college preparatory course, while the English Curriculum is more general in scope and is better suited to the needs of the community. All of the entering class last fall took the Classical Curriculum, but this will probably not be true of the next entering class, as Latin proves to be very irksome to most pupils who do not expect to use it for college credit.

The two curricula give a total of twenty courses, but by combining classes and offering certain subjects only every other year the number of different classes at any one time is less than this.

The time table of the school has been planned to give a total of five hours and twenty-five minutes per day in school. This gives six fifty minute periods per day besides twenty-five minutes for opening, recesses, physical exercises, etc. The fifty minute period gives the pupil a much longer time in class each day and allows individual work with the teacher, which is manifestly impossible under a system of shorter periods. As all pupils take four studies, except under special conditions, each pupil has an hour and forty minutes per day in which to study. This should decrease to some extent the amount of home work which it is necessary for him to do. The long period, with the consequent op-

portunity which it offers for individual work, is a step toward Supervised Study, which is being adopted with so much success in an increasing number of High Schools throughout the country. It must not be understood, however, that this means no home work, for until the schools are put onto a schedule of longer hours, home work will doubtless be inevitable.

The following is a brief resume of the duties of the individual teachers.

Miss Sweatt teaches the courses in English, History, Commercial Geography, and Economics and Business Practices; a total of six classes per day.

Mrs. Sears, who is engaged for part time work only, teaches the two classes in Latin.

The headmaster teaches all of the courses in Mathematics and French; a total of five classes per day.

In addition to the classes scheduled, Mrs. Sears has been giving her time for one period of drawing per week to those of the High School pupils who wished to take it and whose schedules permitted. She is also teaching drawing in the grades at the village school. While this is the first time that drawing has been taught as such, results are very promising, and it is hoped that in the future there may be a course given which will be open to all pupils.

During the fall, as long as the weather permitted, there was a twenty minute period in the morning given over to recess and physical exercises. All pupils in the fifth to eighth grades and High School were included, and were expected to be present unless excused by the teacher. There were usually ten or fifteen minute devoted to setting-up exercises, relay races and other group exercises. During this time the boys were in charge of the headmaster, while Mrs. Sears directed the girls. Pupils were often chosen to take charge of the day's exercises under the supervision of the teacher. Attendance was taken each day and a rating given for

work done at this time. A period of recess was allowed for the remainder of the twenty minutes. During the winter months a shorter period is devoted to setting-up exercises in the rooms before recess.

It has been the constant endeavor of the teaching staff of the school to secure a spirit of cooperation among the pupils. The ability to work together and play together appears to be almost entirely lacking among several members of the school. An example of the conduct of student affairs during the first month of school is shown by the following.

The object of the old Athletic Association was apparently to squeeze what money it could out of the student body and use it in the interests of the very small minority. Any action taken by the majority of the members was immediately made a point of contention by this minority, the result being that there were hard feelings between most of the pupils most of the time. One of the first acts of this minority last fall was to resign from the old association in a body. With so small a number of pupils in the school, the headmaster felt as though any organization which was not supported by all, was useless. Several attempts were made at reconciliation among the members of the old association, but without success.

Out of this situation there finally grew a new organization which was named the Amherst High School Booster's Association. This is so fabricated as to take care of all student activities, including athletics. All members of the High School are members of the association. There are no dues, but assessments, not to exceed ten cents per member in any one month, are permissible. Thirty minutes of the school time is given each Friday afternoon for the association meeting. At this time all activities are in the hands of the students, the teachers taking part only as members of the association. There appear to be great possibilities in this

organization. There has been an increased interest in the school singing, and often fifteen minutes of the time given on Friday afternoon for the association meeting is used for singing. Recently a debating team, composed of Senior girls, gave a debate before the school during one of the meetings.

A fine spirit of cooperation was shown by the members of the school at Christmas time, when Christmas tree exercises were held for all pupils in the building. The public was invited to these exercises and about twenty-five persons were present.

Basketball, as far as the school has been concerned, has been impossible this year on account of the small number of boys in the school and because of the lack of a suitable place to play. Some of the boys are playing on an independent team, but this cannot be officially recognized by the High School for obvious reasons. There should be some place provided by the town where the high school pupils might practice and play, not only basketball, but several other less strenuous, but perhaps more healthful games. Among these may be mentioned volley ball, soccer football, tennis and field hockey.

The headmaster wishes to state at this time that he is heartily in favor of athletics, but he does not favor athletics to the exclusion of everything or anything else on the school program. All students should take part in some form of the school's athletics, but too many of our boys are more interested in who will be on the champion basketball team than they are in how they can best do their work. The right kind of athletics should make for better school work and should never detract attention from it. The spirit of fair play is absolutely essential in the classroom on the part of the pupil as well as on the part of the teacher. Our children should learn to play better so that they may work better. One of our American educators has recently said in sub-

stance, that too many of our boys and girls know too much about how many miles to the gallon and too little about how many bushels to the acre.

The school has conducted two dances this year with success. After attending the first of these dances, the headmaster decided that no more dances should be run by the High School unless they were invitation affairs. The reason for this decision was to try to get the people of Amherst to come to our dances, and also to raise the standard of the dances. Formerly, dances have been run as free-for-all parties, and the people of this town, who should have been the ones to support these affairs, were pushed aside by outsiders. In behalf of the school the headmaster wishes to thank the people of Amherst for the support which they gave the last dance which the school conducted. This dance was a success and showed the school that they could get the town's people out. Amherst High school pupils wish to see AMHERST people at their affairs. When the last dance was in prospect, it was the intention of all the pupils to get an invitation into the hands of every citizen of Amherst. If anyone failed to receive an invitation, or fails to receive one in the future, he should notify the school before it is too late, so that his name may be put on the list.

Probably before this report is published, the Booster's Association will have staged the play on which it is now working. It is hoped that this play will be followed by others during the spring months.

The proceeds from the play now in progress, are to be used toward purchasing a high grade radio outfit for the use of the school. The school already has a little apparatus, but not enough to receive radio telephone messages. The majority of students are interested in radio and it would be a fine thing for the school if some of the programs which are being broadcasted by the large stations could be heard by the pupils and their guests at the school.

There is only one way in which a High School, or any other organization, anywhere, can be made a success, and that is by the active cooperation of everyone interested in it. The school is purely and simply a business proposition. The grounds, buildings, furniture and books represent the invested capital, officers and teachers are the workmen and the taxpayers are the stockholders. The product is, or should be, young men and women, capable of going forth into the world as loyal and intelligent workers for the town, the state and the nation and all that they stand for. The dividends of this business are represented by the increased usefulness to the community of every pupil who attends the school. These dividends are declared annually in the form of a graduating class. The boys and girls of today are the citizens of tomorrow. To their hands "we throw the torch." It is for us to see that they are fitted to "hold it high."

Every stockholder should be interested in this business and should cooperate in every way possible with the school. Citizens should feel it their duty to visit the schools and personally acquaint themselves with what the teachers are trying to do and the conditions under which they are working. Criticism, especially constructive criticism, will always be welcomed by any teacher who is interested in his work and who is working for the best interests of the community. But this criticism should be made to the teacher, and should not reach him in the form of gossip. This last type of criticism is usually destructive and benefits no one, while it may do great harm to the school. The pupils of a school can never have the right attitude toward their work or their teachers, when parents and friends are continually trying to belittle the school, and school work is considered a joke at home.

It takes a lot of hard work to make a school run at all, to say nothing of making it run well. Teachers

are expected to take the material which is passed out to them and make citizens of it. If they cannot do this they are considered failures. They are sometimes called upon to manage boys, over whom parents have never attempted to exercise any restraining authority. If such a boy fails in his studies because of lack of interest, the teacher is said to be "down on him." He tells his parents so, his parents believe him, never visit the school to talk things over with the teacher, and then they spread the news that Johnny, or Jimmy, can't learn anything because his teacher "picks on him." No person ever became educated because he slept, cut up or tried to be "smart" in school. Perhaps some have become educated in a way, in spite of it, but this reflects great credit on their teachers and none on themselves, for it only shows what they might have been if they had done the right thing. Come into the school and spend an hour, a day, or a week, and you will have different opinions of both teachers and pupils. At least you will have good grounds for any criticism you may make afterward.

Now as to prospects for the next year in the High School. There are sixteen pupils in the eighth grade in this town this year. Every one of these pupils should enroll as a freshman in the High School next fall. The headmaster intends to visit the parents of each of these pupils before graduation this year and do all in his power to convince them that the four years of a High School education will be a profitable investment for them to make for their children.

There is no reason why there should not be thirty-five or forty resident pupils in the Amherst High School at all times. At the present time there are twelve pupils from this town attending High Schools outside of the town. Some of these pupils are taking courses identical in all major respects with the courses we are offering here. If the parents of these pupils could only see

what a great help it would be to our school to send their children here, I am sure that we would have a much larger school, and the children would get just as much as they are now receiving and at less cost. I believe that there is an opportunity to enroll a few tuition pupils from surrounding towns which do not support High Schools, especially since the schools in the larger towns are becoming crowded to overflowing.

We are offering only two curricula in the school, but we are trying to do just as good work in those two as any of the larger schools. I believe in Amherst and its school system, but I do not think that the system has been given the continuous fair trial which it needs to develop as it should. Constant changes in curricula and teaching force will kill a school system almost as quickly as dynamite will wipe out the buildings. I believe in offering a few courses, teaching those courses well, and offering them long enough so that at least one class may graduate without having to have its curriculum changed.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to you, to the teachers, the members of the School Board, and the people of Amherst for the support which they have given the school during the last few months. May we not look forward to a bigger and better High School next year?

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR C. SEARS,
Headmaster.

February 1, 1923.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

Amherst, N. H., February 19, 1923.
To the School Board of Amherst:

I herewith submit my annual report of medical inspection of schools.

It is my desire in this report to show the results of my inspection for the past year 1922-23 in comparison to the results of the first inspection made 1919-20.

I think this can be done more forcefully and clearly by the figures themselves as shown in the following tables (allowance should be made for increase in pupils).

You will note that there has been a great improvement in vision. This has been accomplished by the parents consulting a specialist. The matter of vision is of great importance and the improvement shown this last year is gratifying.

Next, I call your attention to the teeth. Figures show that there have been a great neglect on the part of the parents in caring for the teeth. Whilst the teeth are not as important as the eyes, yet there are many conditions caused by defective teeth—stomach conditions, rheumatic conditions, nervous conditions and disagreeable and fetid breath.

The tonsil and adenoid conditions have increased. This may be accounted for by the fact that the examination was made earlier in the spring than before and followed many colds.

The unvaccinated remain the same regardless of any state or school law.

It is my earnest desire that the parents take a more active interest in the follow up work necessary to obtain the best possible benefits from this inspection. They should realize more fully that the best physical condition of a child is his greatest asset for good work and

progress in his school work. Without their cooperation the examination is in my mind a waste of money.

During the coming year funds appropriated for follow-up work will be available, which I trust will aid materially in obtaining better results.

	1919-20	1922-23
Number of pupils examined	128	161
Number of teachers examined	9	5
Defective Vision	13	3
Anemia	1	5
Nervous Disease	1	0
Pediculosis	3	0
Orthopedic Defects	1	1
Defective Teeth	79	114
Hypertrophied Tonsils	15	36
Unvaccinated	21	23
Unvaccinated (without excuse)	20	20

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1921-1922

Number of weeks in school year	36
Average number of days schools were actually in session	167½
Aggregate number of sessions lost from all causes	199
Number of one-room schools maintained	4
Average membership of the four one-room schools 12.88 12.48 27.38 10.43	
Number of other schools including High	4
Whole number of different pupils registered Boys 84, Girls 79; Total	163
Of these seven transferred from other towns in New Hampshire	
Enrollment by grades: I, 20; II, 24; III, 19; IV, 14; V, 13; VI, 19; VII, 19; VIII, 13; IX, 7; X, 5; XI, 6; XII, 4	163
Number under five years	0
Number between five and eight years	39
Number between eight and fourteen years	96
Number between fourteen and sixteen years	21
Number over sixteen years	7
Number of pupils registered in high school: Boys 8 Girls 14;	22
Number of non-resident pupils attending high school	3
Number of non-resident pupils attending ele- mentary school	1
Average daily attendance in high school	18.27
Average daily attendance in elem. school	113.78
Average daily attendance in all schools	132.05
Per cent attendance in all schools	95.53
Per cent attendance in high school	93.63
Number cases of tardiness in all schools	381
Average cases of tardiness per pupil	2.7
Number cases of tardiness in high school	27
Average cases of tardiness in high school per pupil	1.3

Number not absent nor tardy during year	4
Number of pupils attending elementary schools outside the district	11
Number of pupils attending high school elsewhere	6
Salary of Headmaster	\$1600
Average salary of elementary teachers	\$684
Number of visits made to school by:	
School board members	27
Superintendent	202
Citizens (includes special occasion)	361

Return of School Census, September 1922

Miss Marion L. Dodge, Enumerator

Number of children 5 to 16 years of age:	
Boys 105; Girls 80; Total	185
Total number of children registered as members of local public schools on September 30, 1922	167
Number of children enumerated who are attend- ing elementary school outside the district	13
Number 5 to 8 years of age not attending school	7
Number of tuition pupils in high school	0
Number of tuition pupils in elementary school	2
Number of children enumerated who are attend- ing high school outside the district	5
Others over 16 years of age attending high school outside the district	4

High School Enrollment 1921-1922

Seniors: Girls 4; Boys 0;	4
Juniors: Girls 6; Boys 0;	6
Sophomores: Girls 2; Boys 3;	5
Freshmen: Girls 2; Boys 5;	7

Total

*22:

* Of these, five withdrew during the year, leaving sev-
 enteen members in June.

High School Graduates, Class of 1922

Ruth M. Atkinson
Alida G. Glover

Edna G. Goodale
Isabelle M. Grant

Pupils Who Completed Elementary Schools, June 1922

Howard B. Crooker	Marion B. Richardson
Paul W. Frost	*Daniel B. Wetherbee
*Mildred A. Going	Rachel Cass
*Alexander C. Ingram	Flora M. Noyes
*Marion E. Moulton	*Richard C. Ingram
*Entered Amherst High School September 1922	

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1921-1922

One Term:

Catherine Arnold, Theresa Arnold, Ruth Atkinson, Lillian Brown, Donald Caldwell, Leonard Dahl, George Davis, Clarence Douglas, Eleanor Frost, Paul Frost, Alida Glover, Edna Goodale, Eric Hare, Richard Hare, Florence Hayward, Donald Holt, Albert Ingram, Alexander Ingram, Annie Linscott, Donald Manning, Esther Monson, Evelyn Monson, Lilla Moulton, Guy Nelson, Ernest Odell, Earl Parshley, Mary Prince, Carolyn Reeves, Philip Rimbach, Richard Sherman, Mary Swenson, Myra Vinson, Paul Vinson, Daniel Wetherbee.

Two Terms:

Rutherford Blair, Wilford Burnett, Richard Ingram, Florence Lamore, Marion Moulton, Flora Noyes, Robert Odell, Ruth Palmer, Ellis Patterson, Esther Richardson, Helen Richardson, Marion Richardson, Ruth Richardson, Smith Reeves, Margaret Sherman, Richard Small, Lester Sullivan.

Three Terms:

Charles Howard, Phyllis Raymond, Clarence Richardson, John Richardson.

Perfect Attendance Sept. 5, 1922—Jan. 31, 1923

High: None.

Village 5-6-7-8: Charles Howard, Ellis Patterson, Phyllis Raymond, Esther Richardson, Ruth Richardson.

Village 1-2-3-4: None.

Border Street: Earl Parshley.

Cricket Corner: Wilford Burnett, Agnes Gaidmore, Leon Gaidmore.

Greeley: Myra Vinson, Paul Vinson.

Ponemah: David Frost, Eleanor Frost, Helen Richardson, John Richardson.

Number 8: Olive P. Sherman, Ruth E. Noble.

Vital Statistics

In compliance with an act of the Legislature enacted June session 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
Apr. 29, Amherst	Ralph G. Manning	Amherst	26	Ruel D. Manning	New Boston	Franklin H. Reeves Clergy
	Cora M. Parshley	Milford	19	Nellie M. Ternais	Amherst	
May 3, Amherst	Walter Wilkins 3rd	Amherst	24	Levi C. Parshley	Pittsfield	A. S. Buzzell Clergy
	Elizabeth Alena Blair	Amherst	20	Frances A. Adams	Francestown	
June 1, Amherst	Oscar Burns	Amherst	36	Walter H. Wilkins	Boston, Mass.	
	Miriam E. Wilkins	Amherst	27	Mary V. Downey	Boston, Mass.	
June 20, Amherst	Paul H. Barnes	Milford	29	Robert M. Blair	Nova Scotia	A. W. Remington Clergy
	Olga V. Pherson	Amherst	25	Effie A. DeLong	Nova Scotia	
June 18, Amherst	Earl C. Roberts	Amherst	26	William J. Burns	Lancaster, Mass.	
	Faith G. Roberts	Milford	21	Aaron M. Wilkins	Kingston, N. Y.	
July 17, Springvale Maine.	Horace R. Boutelle	Amherst	27	Lucy A. Harsborn	Amherst	G. Edgar Wolfe
	Blanch M. Smith	Springvale, Me.	25	Fred W. Barnes	Wilton	
July 6, Nashua	Warren E. Hall	Amherst	20	Hannah Robertson	Greenfield	
	Eva M. Bowers	Merrimack	20	Charles Pherson	Sweden	A. S. Buzzell Clergy
Sept. 1, Milford	Richard W. Weston	Amherst	27	Charlotte Gustafson	Sweden	
	Cevie Mae Towne	Milford	20	Edward S. Roberts	Eston, Mass.	
				Blanche Colston	Laconia	
				Marla L. Stewart	Bucksfield, Me.	
				Harry Boutelle	Stoneham, Mass.	
				Anna C. Whiting	Amherst	Harry H. Upton Clergy
				Frank D. Smith	Tamworth	
				Nettie Littlefield	Springvale, Me.	
				Warren J. Hall		Edw. A. Dunham Clergy
				Fanny Brown		
				E. M. Bowen		
				Carrie Baker		
				William L. Weston		
				Lettie E. Kemp	Amherst	W. J. B. Cannell Clergy
				Moses E. Towne	Winchendon, Mass.	
				Flora L. Weston	Andover, Mass.	
					Nelson	

Sept. 23, Amherst	Elmer E. Hodgman	Amherst	24	Edward L. Hodgman	Bedford	Franklin H. Reeves
	Frances E. Clark	Amherst	20	Sarah L. Jackson	Baltimore, Md.	Clergy
Sept. 24, Nashua	Melvin L. Ladd	Amherst	21	Fanny L. Dodge	Amherst	
	Dorothy D. Goodale	Amherst	21	Clarence P. Ladd	Mont Vernon	Henry H. French
	Arthur J. Hugron	Amherst	23	Emma R. Kimball	Deerfield	Clergy
Oct. 1, Milford	Margaret M. Wyatt	Amherst	23	George L. Goodale	Deering	Nashua
	Lester G. Bartlett	Amherst	36	Flora Pillsbury	Springfield, N. H.	
Oct. 30, Concord	Thelma A. Parsons	Stratford	25	Joseph Hugron	Highgate, Vt.	H. E. Lennon
			23	Rosa Danfaut	Chicago, Mass.	Catholic Priest
			21	Mary P. Lovett	Hallifax, N. S.	Milford
				Edward P. Bartlett	Hallifax, N. S.	
				Cora W. Waugh	Forest, Minn.	G. Homer Lane
				Clarence Parsons	Industry, Me.	Clergy
				Lillian H. Jones	Pittsfield, N. H.	Milford

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 12, Amherst	Rachel	George J. Clement	Emily Douglas	Epsom	New Boston
Jan. 24, Amherst	Zonie	Joseph Michalewick	Aga Sargawich	Poland	Poland
Mar. 23, Amherst	Florence May	John R. Sullivan	Maud L. Blair	Everett, Wash.	So. Faston, Vt.
Apr. 8, Amherst	Freida Alma	Richard R. Hare	Josephine Watson	Egypt, Va.	Walnut Bend, Ark.
Apr. 22, Amherst	William Hodgen Jr.	Wm. Hodgen Tuttle	Jennie E. Wetherell	Newfields	Portsmouth
May 20, Amherst	Ester Jane	Martin L. Vinson	Alice Wall	Golden Pond, Ky.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
May 27, Amherst	Vernon Bates	Harold L. Wilkins	Violet Bates	Amherst	Saratoga Sprgs. NY
June 17, Amherst	Mildred Eva	Harry Lester	Alice Bronsseau	Providence, R. I.	Lawrence, Mass.
Aug. 27, Amherst	William F.	James Peach	Martha Wetherbee	Newbury, Vt.	Haverhill, Vt.
Sept. 5, Amherst	Marie Joyce	Louis Fields	Marion G. Willard	Campton, Canada	W. Burke, Vt.
Oct. 20, Amherst	Ethel Iola	Albert Hubley	Ethel Whittemore	Kittery, Me.	Goffstown
Dec. 6, Amherst	Dorothy Ann	Robert P. Bryant	Arvilla R. Fiske	Francestown	Worcester, Mass.
Nov. 15, Amherst	James Henry	Joseph Burnett	Ina Nugent	Lower St. Mary's N.B.	Chipman, N. B.
Dec. 30, Amherst	Edward Lewis	Elmer White	Elmira Stockwell	Nashua	Concord, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth of Father	Place of Birth of Mother	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 31, Amherst	Hannah Chilson	79	3		Isaac Kenerson	Eliza A. Burnham
Mar. 6, Amherst	Minnie B. Hugron	50	11	27	Daniel Ryan	Emma E. Freelan
Mar. 11, Amherst	Mary E. Stevens	81	3	5	Robert Fletcher	Mary Cochran
Mar. 21, Amherst	Priscilla E. McKean	84	6	5	Isaac McKean	Elizabeth Gardner
Mar. 27, Amherst	William F. Merrill	72	8	6	Cyrus Merrill	Ruth Noyes
Apr. 7, Amherst	Eben Converse	88	5	12	Ebenezer Converse	Sabra Adams
Apr. 7, Amherst	Jennie S. Lovering	72	6	12	Henry Ogden	
May 12, Amherst	Silas P. Parkhurst	89	6	3	Silas Parkhurst	Pamela Perry
May 20, Amherst	Horace T. Harvell	76	11	20	Thomas M. Harvell	Sarah M. Manning
Apr. 7, Amherst	Andrew J. Moody	92	1	7	Mathew H. Moody	Olive Dunham
Aug. 6, Amherst	Elmira Emeline Clark	69	5	19	George Haynes	Elizabeth M. Libby
June 3, Amherst	William D. Clark	61	6	3	William R. Clark	Ruth Hall
July 17, Amherst	Ella S. Burr	71	11	27	Robert Hutchinson	Eliza A. Holt
Sept. 15, Amherst	William Ethridge	77	6	12	John Ethridge	Jane Ross
Oct. 31, Amherst	Paul Douglas Clement	6	13	Epsom	George J. Clement	Frances E. Douglas
Nov. 12, Amherst	Viola R. Dodge	65	3	4	William R. Clark	Ruth M. Hall

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